
LESSON 5

UNIFIED ACTION ARMED FORCES (UNAAF) AND THE UNIFIED COMMAND PLAN (UCP)

Introduction

Purpose	This lesson provides an understanding of the requirements and impact of two documents, the Unified Action Armed Forces (UNAAF) and the Unified Command Plan (UCP).
Importance of Studying the UNAAF and UCP	Understanding the concept and content of both documents is essential to understanding joint planning and theater-level command relationships.
Relationship to Other Instruction	<p>To understand future case studies and lessons in the <i>Operational Level of War</i> (8803) course, you should understand</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">wThe relationship of the services to the unified commandswThe responsibilities that the services have to the unified commands
Study Time	This lesson, including the issues for consideration, will require about 2 hours of study.

Educational Objectives

Organization	Explain the organizational framework for the employment of joint forces. [JPME Area 1b]
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Joint Planning and Execution Community	Explain the purpose, roles, functions, and relationships of the Joint Planning and Execution Community (JPEC). [JPME Area 1c]
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JPME Areas/ Objectives/Hours (accounting data)	1/b/0.5 1/c/0.5
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Lesson Overview

Background	<p>Joint Pub 0-2, <i>Unified Action Armed Forces (UNAAF)</i>, describes the broad scope of activities within</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">wUnified commandswSubordinate unified commandswJoint task forces under the overall direction of their commanders
Legal Basis	<p>The National Security Act of 1947 and Title 10 of the United States Code provide the basis for the establishment of unified combatant commands.</p>
Unified Command Plan	<p>The Unified Command Plan (UCP) provides guidance to combatant commanders concerning their areas of responsibility. It also contains the geographic boundaries assigned to combatant commanders. Whenever there is an overlap of geographic boundaries, a Joint Task Force will be formed.</p>
Joint Warfare	<p>Taken together, the UNAAF and UCP describe the actions, structure, and missions of all armed forces conducting joint warfare as described in Joint Pub 1.</p>

Required Reading

Strategic Level of War Readings Joint Pub 0-2, *Unified Action Armed Forces (UNAAF)*, Chapters I & II. This reading is located immediately following this lesson, pp. E-3 to E-36. This publication provides basic doctrine for unified action and is the capstone for all U.S. joint doctrine. The entire publication is available on the Joint Electronic Library.

For Further Study

Supplemental Readings

The readings listed are **not** required. They are provided as recommended sources of additional information about topics in this lesson that may interest you. They will increase your knowledge and augment your understanding of this lesson.

wJoint *Electronic Library*. Internet Web Site: <http://www.dtic.mil/doctrine/>

wJoint Pub 3-0, *Doctrine for Joint Operations*, 1 February 1995.

wJoint Pub 5-0, *Doctrine for Planning Joint Operations*, 3 April 1995.

wJoint Pub 5-00.1, *Campaign Planning (2nd Draft)*, 18 May 1995.

Issues For Consideration

Relationships

Explain the relationships between the President, the Secretary of Defense (SECDEF), Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (CJCS), and the Commanders in Chief (CINC).

Goldwater-Nichols Act

In the previous lesson, you learned that the Goldwater-Nichols Act (G-NA) instituted sweeping changes in the way the military fulfills its mission. After studying this lesson, can you describe additional ways in which G-NA has enhanced command relationships?